

Remarks

Applicant hereby responds to the official action mailed March 31, 2008, wherein claims 1-10 and 20-25 were allowed; claims 15-19 were rejected for indefiniteness; claims 11-13 and 15-17 were rejected over prior art; and allowable subject matter was indicated as to claims 14, 18 and 19. This response places the claims in condition for allowance in accordance with the official action.

After amendments combining, canceling and adding claims, the total number of claims is reduced by one and the number of independent claims is increased by one. No new matter is presented. The official fee for one excess independent claim is submitted by EFS charge authorization.

The rejection for indefiniteness is grounded on the lack of clear antecedent basis for "the reference channel" and "the relative channel" in claims 15 and 16. This has been corrected in the claims as amended, which claims are now definite.

The claims rejected over prior art (11-13 and 15-17) have been combined with claims considered directed to allowable subject matter:

Claims 11-13 are canceled and the subject matter of claim 11 is copied into claim 14, thereby rewriting claim 14 in independent form.

Claim 15 corresponds to claim 18 rewritten in independent form, to include the subject matter of claims 11, 15 (corrected for definiteness) and 18. Claim 18 is canceled.

Claim 16 (corrected for definiteness) and claim 17 depend from claim 15 as amended. New claim 26 is a dependent claims containing the subject matter of previous claim 15 (corrected for definiteness), depending from allowable claim 14.

Accordingly, pending claims 1-10, 14-17 and 19-26 are allowable in accordance with the official action.

Inasmuch as applicant has complied with the indications of allowable subject matter, no comment is necessary regarding the propriety of the rejections over the cited prior art.

The claims as amended particularly and distinctly define the subject matter of the invention. The differences between the invention and the prior art are such that the subject matter now claimed as a whole is not shown to have been known or obvious. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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